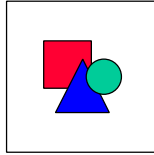


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Transmittal No 4 Revises State Operations Manual Appendix J

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has revised Appendix J of the State Operations Manual that specifies the survey process for ICF/MRs. The revisions are documented in the attached Transmittal No.4 dated November 1998, effective December 15, 1998. Transmittal No 4 replaces select pages of Transmittal 278 of November 1995. Revision specifics are listed on the cover page and redlined in the text.

Generally, the revisions are as follows:

- Adds three additional fundamental W tags under the Active Treatment Condition of Participation (refer to Transmittal 277).
 - **W120** *The facility must assure that outside services meet the needs of each client.*
 - **W448** *The facility must investigate all problems with evacuation drills, including accidents.*
 - **W449** *The facility must take corrective action.*
- Revises the number of required interviews in facilities with more than 50 clients.
 - facilities 51-100, interview 5 not 7 clients
 - facilities 101-500, interview 50% of sample not 10 (max of 15).
- Clarifies the sample selection for follow up surveys.
- Clarifies who can be included in the count for the required number of interviews completed.

The revisions are highlighted by vertical lines in the margins in the attachment. HCFA has not provided added interpretation. The Bureau of Quality Assurance is currently following Appendix J as revised.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jean Kollasch at (608) 267-0466, or write to the above address.

Attachment

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